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ALEXANDRIA, LA.

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Helen D'Este Troup.

Miss Helen D'Este and Mr. C. V. Baye, whom it will be remembered visited Alexandria for the first time last winter, and gave our people several entertaining, well selected and well rendered dramatic performances, are once more in our town, and have opened on their second visit, an entire new and chaste repertoire of all the latest plays.

This afternoon a Grand Matinee will be given for ladies and children, when a grand comedy bill will be presented. To-night, by universal request, Miss Helen D'Este will appear in her magnificent impersonation of LEAH, THE JEWS.

We are pleased to note that Mr. William Harris, of St. James Parish, has purchased the old Archie P. Williams homestead, the well known and large Willow Glen Plantation. Mr. Harris is already in possession, and from what we know of his well known energy and go-ahead planting qualities will soon have it in splendid fix once more.

—JOHN McENERY, our Governor who was elected in 1872, but cheated out by the Returning Board, and the benefits of which cheat went to the usurper Kellogg, has received the good and lucrative appointment of Recorder of Mortgages in New Orleans. We are glad of it, and endorse Gov. Nicholls' good sense and sound judgment in making the appointment.

—MASS Meetings are being held all over the State, endorsing in plain Saxon, the Nicholls government. We believe this to be right and proper, for well matured and honestly directed public opinion is after all the only aristocracy we can acknowledge.

—JACK GOLDEN'S card plainly tells he is yet himself, and is steadily and energetically pursuing his trade. We bespeak for him plenty of work in his line, for we know he will attend to it faithfully and skillfully.

—READ James Andrews letter to Kellogg; we feel good and proud to know that one of Rapides' own true ones, has placed himself right and flat-footed on record—no discount on that!

—THE roads are in a tolerable bad condition—bad weather lately, and have not been worked on—two common inflections in Rapides.

—THE Nicholls Supreme Court, BRAINS and HONESTY! The late Radical Court—well, peace to their carcasses!

—COME again—Thos. C. Manning, Chief Justice; Marr, Deblanc, Esqan and Spencer, Associate Justices.

—Has that clerical error been corrected?

THE POLICE JURY.

The newly elected and qualified Police Jurors of the Parish of Rapides, according to previous notice met on last Tuesday and adjourned on Friday evening. Their full and official proceedings will be found in to-day's Democrat, to which we invite the special attention of the public, and ask that they be judged according to their acts. That there exists in some respect, marked and plainly spoken disapprobation, in the removal of the old Clerk and Treasurer, is a fact which cannot be overlooked in this crisis of their affairs, cannot remain dumb, is also a lamentable fact.

The Jury, however, have, we believe, started along very well, and we know have not only the will, but the determined disposition to take well the Parochial helm in hand and guide our good bark into a safe and par port, and in this they shall certainly have our good will and staunch backing up. We are not going just now to stop and play push-pin on the road side for fun, but want the Jury to do their work well, faithfully and according to the demands of the times.

—THE duly elected Parish officers of Rapides have qualified, several days since, under commissions from Kellogg, this having been done in discreet haste to cook up the incoherent in District Judge. Under ordinary circumstances they should have waited for the incoming Governor, but the fiat of party intrigue willed it otherwise.

—THERE is a rumor afloat, which we hardly credit, that electricity and galvanism, fresh from the Radical Pap Factory, has infused new and fresh life into some lately defunct individuals; while on the other hand the knowing ones say it is only the dead strutting around in their graveyard habiliments.

—THE Returning Board Legislature, while it had steam up, voted away money at lightning speed rate. They even went so far as to give, rather promise, the widow Pinkston the sum of five hundred dollars.

—WE are once more in full suit, and do not think we will be forced to a half sheet in a long time to come. We are specially indebted to Colonel McGinnis, of the Excelsior Stable, and United States Mail Contractor, for our first installment of paper by his Stage Route.

—PLEASE remember and bear in mind that Nels Taylor's new Eclipse table is next door to his former one, and opposite the new Engine House.

—LATHERING it on in blarney style—turning out Barrett, and then putting it on record that he was a model Treasurer—not much reform in that!

THE MICHOLLS.

Our home affairs in New Orleans have assumed some legal, peaceful, working shape, and since our last, we may safely assume that we are seeing the peep of that long expected, long prayed for daylight. Grant, thus far, has graciously stacked his bayonets, and we greet "hands off" as the new star which shall guide us to our old haven of safety, peace, plenty and domestic tranquility.

Our news is only up to Friday evening, as the mail of Saturday failed once more in these piping times of new-born peace, and as a matter of fixed uncertainty that electric institution, called a Telegraph, is down, not in working or something else, rather than a lightning and reliable instrument of news as it should be. Our items of news to be relied on, however, justify us in expressing our firm belief that as far as the Nicholls Government is concerned, it is on a safe and sound foundation, and that the Packard Government is tottering and growing weaker every hour.

PROCLAMATION.

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, NEW ORLEANS, LA., January 9, 1877.

To the PEOPLE OF LOUISIANA.—I would be most profoundly surprised and disappointed should any citizen of Louisiana, at this moment, so far forget himself as to be guilty of any excess whatsoever. There is danger in collecting together in large bodies. I urge you, therefore to retire at once peacefully to your homes.

The greater the wrongs to which you have been subjected, the greater to your credit should you recognize and recollect your own simple and plain duty as citizens. Let no one be injured, however obnoxious he may be, and let the people of the whole country see that we are law abiding, just and moderate.

FRANCIS T. NICHOLLS, Governor State of Louisiana.

GEN. LONGSTREET'S TELEGRAM TO GRANT.—New Orleans, Jan. 8.—To President Grant, Washington, D. C. Gen. Nicholls was to-day inaugurated Governor of this State amid enthusiastic demonstrations of patriotism that should be gratifying to every American citizen. I believe him fairly elected to the office that he has been inducted, and that he maintain peace and good order throughout the State. I beg, therefore, that you will maturely consider the premises, notwithstanding adverse sensational dispatches that may reach you.

Most respectfully, J. LONGSTREET.

—MR. John Brown, of Vernon, no kin to him whose soul is still marching around, is yet holding tight grip to his seat in the Returning Board Legislature. On a recent ballot for U. S. Senator for the short term, he very complacently cast his vote for Mr. Pinchback. Go it Mr. Brown, for it won't do to give give it up so.

—THE weather continues of the all sorts kind, but veers more around to the cold and uncomfortable than ever, and with the river dead low and falling, we can see no cheering outlook ahead.

—IN Radical political life Eliza Pinkston was lovely, now that she is dead she should be divided among the faithful. Send a slice of her to Rapides just for luck.

—ALBERT LEONARD sticks fast and close to his seat in the Returning Board Legislature. He voted for Antoine, the late assistant-governor, for U. S. Senator.

—It looks like that goose has assumed its altitudinal height.

WHAT SAY YOU?

Now that Grant has declared his intention to let the Nicholls government alone as long as it can be maintained peacefully, is it not right and proper that the people of Rapides hold a Mass Meeting and declare their fixed determination to support the government of their choice. To show that we are united on this question, and that we will pay our taxes to the support alone of the lawful government of honest men, and sustain its officers at whatever cost. Our people are united, with the exception of a few who imagine that they will be able to grow fat on the spoils of some petty office. To such who would sell their birthright for a mess of pottage, let us say, that their treason will not profit them, and their cheeks will yet be made to tingle with shame in the good time to come, when the honest and patriotic people of the country will mark them as objects worthy alone of scorn and contempt.

Let us have a public expression from the people of our parish. We suggest that our Central Committee call a Mass meeting to be held in Alexandria on the 4th Saturday in this month.

What He Said.

E. J. Barrett, of Pineville, member of the Legislature from our Parish, who was fairly elected and just as fairly counted in, has thrown off the rivets of Radicalism; walked out of the Returning Board Legislature, walked into the People's House of Representatives, and told it all in these plain, candid, honest words: "Mr. Barrett, to a question of privilege arose, and referring to an editorial in the N. O. Republican, intimating that money was being used to bribe members at the St. Louis Hotel took occasion to say that he was a man of means, worth at least \$20,000 at home, and there was not money enough to buy him. He had been elected by a constituency of both white and black in his parish, and had always been independent in politics. He saw here men of intelligence and owners of the property of the land, whilst at the St. Louis Hotel it was a den of thieves, whose purpose was to confiscate the property of the people. He had remained there ten days, and saw his own property being confiscated and that was why he was here to day."

—THE Toll Road old store and dwelling house were burned and entirely destroyed on Friday night.—At the time the dwelling was unoccupied, but the store was being used by John P. Grogan as a grocery.—The contents of the store were all lost, Mr. Grogan and a friend with him at the time, barely escaping from the flames. The loss of the goods, etc., is a serious one to Mr. Grogan, there being no insurance on them. The fire was most undoubtedly the work of an incendiary.

—THE low ebb to which Parish script has dropped is really sad to contemplate, and is entirely attributable to more than one-half of our tax-payers who fail to pay up. It is high time that this criminal delinquency should stop, and every one be forced to pay up alike. Let our Police Jurors face this fact like business men and stop that leak at once; they have the power legally in their own hands and let the law be strictly enforced.

—IS it not a remarkable but none the less lamentable fact, that a few men here who voted for Tilden and for Nicholls, boasted of it as their shield, and now plainly show they are sorry to see them so near the seats of triumph. Something very queer in all this; but we hope pap has nothing to do with the change of base.

—COLE'S Circus came to time and gave us two performances as advertised. They had at night a rousing house, and proved to be a good, decent and talented company. Frank Gardner's riding was never saw excelled, and was well worth the price of admission.

—THE Bonnie Lee, one week out, touched the Town Wharf on Sunday, and brought up considerable eatables and plenty of whisky for our merchants. Consumers will now be happy, provided they have the money to pay for what they need.

—Keno is buoyant and 21 is drooping!

POLICE JURY PROCEEDINGS.

ALEXANDRIA, Jan. 9, 1877. The Jury met pursuant to adjournment. The following members were present: G. W. Bolton, W. J. Calvit, J. A. Calhoun. It was moved and seconded that the Jury adjourn until to-morrow at 10 o'clock. H. M. LABAT, Clerk, pro tem.

ALEXANDRIA, Jan. 10, 1877. The Jury met pursuant to adjournment. Members present: G. W. Bolton, W. J. Calvit, W. E. Smith, J. A. Calhoun, Thos. Woodard. The minutes of yesterday's meeting were read and approved. The Jury then went into an election of Officers of the Jury. The following officers were elected: W. J. Calvit, President. J. W. Gordon, Clerk. James Moore, Treasurer. W. M. Thompson, Par. Physician. W. C. McGimsey, Par. Attorney. W. E. Taylor, Officer of the Jury. On motion of Mr. Smith, Resolved, That the President appoint a Committee of two to wait on the Officers elect, and inform them of their election. The Jury adjourned then until 2 o'clock, p. m., to notify the public of their organization.

2 O'CLOCK, P. M. The Jury met pursuant to adjournment, all members present. On motion of Mr. Bolton, Resolved, That the bond of James Moore, Parish Treasurer, be fixed in the sum of \$10,000 and that the President of this Jury be authorized to accept the same, when he shall have given it with good and solvent security as the law directs, and that the President is further authorized to call upon the former Treasurer to turn over all books, records, etc., in his possession to the newly elected Treasurer.

On motion of Mr. Bolton, Resolved, That W. E. Taylor, as Syndic on road District No. 5 be relieved, and that P. H. Davidson be appointed instead. On motion of Mr. Bolton, Resolved, That the President appoint a Committee of two on Finance and two on Roads and Bridges, and that the President be added to the Committee on Finance. Committee on Finance: W. J. Calvit, G. W. Bolton and J. A. Calhoun. Committee on Roads and Bridges: W. E. Smith and Thos. Woodard. It was moved and seconded to adjourn until to-morrow at 10 o'clock a. m.

ALEXANDRIA, Jan. 11, 1877. The Jury met pursuant to adjournment. The following members were present: W. J. Calvit, President. G. W. Bolton, J. A. Calhoun, W. E. Smith, Thos. Woodard. The minutes of the previous day's meetings were read and approved. On motion of Mr. Calhoun, Resolved, That the sum of \$50 is hereby appropriated out of the Bridge Fund to build a bridge across Babb's Creek on Road District No. 2 in the Spring Hill Ward, and that Joseph Babb, W. H. Willis, Jr., and Jno. Nash be appointed commissioners to let out to the lowest bidder the building of the same, and to receive said work, and that when received by them and so reported to this Jury the President thereof issue to the contractor a warrant for said sum of \$50 out of the Bridge Fund when enough thereof shall be in the hands of the Parish Treasurer.

On motion of Mr. Calhoun, Whereas, The Bayou known as the Big Slough lying on the East side of the Calcasieu River on what is known as Davis' Crossing Road and near the New Bridge is in an impassable condition for at least three months in the year. Resolved, That Wm. Dyer, Henry Seal and Joseph Behan be appointed commissioners to select a location for and to let out to the lowest bidder, the building of a bridge across said Bayou or Slough, and that the sum of \$50 is hereby appropriated out of the Bridge Fund tax to be paid to the contractor on a warrant of the President of the Police Jury when the said work shall be received by the Commissioners and so reported to this Jury. On motion of Mr. Bolton, Resolved, That James Moore be appointed syndic on road District No. 7 from the lower Corporation line to Cut-off Bayou vice Jos. James removed.

On motion of Mr. Calhoun, Resolved, That as Joel Merchant syndic on Road District No. 2, Spring Hill Ward has removed from said Ward, the same is hereby released from said office and that Chapman Chevallier be appointed instead. Resolved, That the Road leading from Mrs. Stafford's lane on Bayou Boueff to Latannier, crossing at the Wells' place and thence up the right bank of Bayou Latannier through the M. Welch place to the Dam crossing again, and thence up the left bank of said Bayou through lands of Josiah Chambers to Red River, be re-opened and re-established, and that Oran Dorsett Jr., be appointed syndic. On motion of Mr. Bolton, Resolved, That it be mad the duty of the Parish Attorney to attend to the prosecution of all road syndics who may be presented to the Grand Jury for neglect of duty and that the public be urged to present all such offenders. It was then resolved to adjourn until 2 o'clock p. m.

2 O'CLOCK P. M. The Jury met at 2 o'clock p. m. All members present. On motion of Mr. Woodard, Resolved, That the sum of \$600 be appropriated out of the Bridge Fund, to build a bridge across Grubb's bayou at or near the intersection of said Bayou, with Bayou Jean de Jean, and that Meredith Shackelford, Jordan Gibson and S. A. Dowdy be appointed Commissioners to let out the said work to the lowest bidder and to superintend the completion of said bridge. The contractor giving bond according to law for the faithful performance of the work. On motion of Mr. Bolton, Resolved, That the bond of James Moore as Parish Treasurer having been given as required by law to the satisfaction of this Jury, be and the same is hereby accepted and ordered to be recorded. Resolved, That sixteen certain warrants amounting in the aggregate to \$545.45 be destroyed and new warrants issued instead on account of informality of Registration. On motion of Mr. Woodard, Resolved, That the claim of Mrs. L. E. A. Wood for maintaining Mary Dial (interdicted) be deferred for future action.

On motion of Mr. Bolton, Resolved, That the President of the Police Jury be authorized to instruct our Representatives in the Legislature to introduce a bill asking the Legislature for an appropriation refunding to the Parish of Rapides certain expenses paid by said Parish to E. J. Barrett, Registrar, and his clerk amounting to \$360 for extra Registration in 1873. J. W. GORDON, Clerk.

ALEXANDRIA, Jan. 12, 1877. The Jury met pursuant to adjournment. All members present. W. J. Calvit President in the chair. On motion of Mr. Woodard, Resolved, That the claim of Mrs. L. E. A. Wood for \$261.00 for maintaining Mary Dial in Parish Jail be disapproved. On motion of Mr. Bolton, Resolved, That the sum of \$500 or as much thereof as may be necessary to appropriate out of the Bridge fund not otherwise appropriated for building bridges across bayous Big and Little Marto, on the main road leading up the north bank of Red River and that James Jeffries, J. R. Thornton and T. B. French be appointed commissioners to let out the contract to the lowest bidder, and when completed in good and substantial manner, upon their certificate that the work is so done, the President of the Police Jury shall issue a warrant on the Parish Treasurer for the amount, payable out of the Bridge Fund, and that the contractor give bond and security for the faithful performance of the contract. On motion of Mr. Calhoun, Resolved, That Benj. Randolph, George Odom and Chas. Simpson are hereby appointed to examine the Bridge across Beaver Creek on what is known as the Texas Road, in road District No. 7, Spring Hill Ward and report as to condition of the same at the next regular meeting of the Police Jury. On motion of Mr. Smith, Resolved, That Griffin Bonner be appointed syndic on the right descending bank of Bayou Lamourie from Chas. Affman's to Lamourie bridge. On motion of Mr. Smith, Resolved, That Bernard Mayer be appointed syndic on the left descending bank of Bayou Lamourie, from Lamourie Bridge to the lower end of what is known as the Parham place. On motion of Mr. Calhoun, Resolved, That John Andrews be appointed syndic on public road leading from Spring Creek (Paul's store) to Gavelly Hill. It was then moved that the Jury adjourn until 2 o'clock p. m.

2 O'CLOCK P. M. The Jury met at 2 o'clock. All members present. On motion of Mr. Calhoun, Resolved, That Joseph Beyham be

appointed syndic on road District No. 13, leading from Calcasieu river at Davis' crossing to Cherrywinch vice Wm. Laird removed. On motion of Mr. Calhoun, Resolved, That Wm. Morris be appointed syndic on road leading from Cockfair's to Joseph Miller's in District No. 9 Spring Hill Ward. On motion of Mr. Calhoun, Resolved, That R. O. Butler be appointed syndic on Road District No. 7 leading from Polk's place to Cockafar's bridge in Lamourie ward. Report from Committee on Roads and Bridges was then read. Favorably on following petitions, viz: Asking for a public road leading from De Loaches' Bluff on Red River to Meredith Shackelford on Castor Creek thence by nearest route to Wick Bascus' and that Hiram Edwards, M. Shackelford and Wm. McLaughlin be appointed to lay out and superintend the opening of said road and that they be empowered to call all hands within one mile on either side of said road. Also the petition of Dur asking protection for Ferry purposes be deferred until the next meeting of the Jury. On motion the report of the Committee was adopted. On motion of Mr. Bolton, Resolved, That the Parish Attorney be required to proceed immediately to collect a note for \$50, due to the Parish by F. H. James and W. C. James. The committee on Finance then presented their report. They reported favorably on the following claims, viz: James Crawford, repairing bridge on Calcasieu.....\$100 00 Thomas Woodard building bridge on bayou Rapides... 300 00 Louisiana Democrat publishing polling places and proceedings Police Jury Nov. 13, 1876, and January 2, 1877..... 58 00 W. C. McGimsey, Salary as Parish Attorney for month of December..... 33 33 Rapides Gazette publishing proceedings Police Jury November 1876..... 43 00 L. V. Murye Justice fees..... 22 25 Linn Tanner Registration expenses..... 10 00 P. Kelly, burying pauper..... 15 00 G. W. Harper Constable fees 5 70 J. L. Walker, Justice fees..... 5 00 H. M. Labat, balance in full as Clerk of Police Jury... 44 44 W. A. Hatch, commissioner of Election..... 15 00 D. C. Paul Sheriff's fees.... 79 50 D. C. Paul summoning Jury December term..... 276 00 Mrs. L. E. A. Woods maintaining prisoners in Jail... 305 00 Mrs. L. E. A. Woods furnishing Jail..... 27 94 Baer & Mann, clothing, blankets, etc furnished Jail... 102 55 J. J. Swan expenses of Registration..... 15 00 W. O. McGimsey salary Parish Attorney month January..... 33 33 Joseph Bouillotte, lumber furnished Rigolette Bridge 77 50 John DeLacy registering and mailing Election returns... 9 50 J. W. Gordon 1 month salary as Clerk Police Jury..... 33 33 On motion the report of the committee was adopted. On motion it was resolved that the report of the Finance Committee be adopted. Resolved, That as the books and records of the late Treasurer have been examined and found correct and turned over to the newly elected Treasurer, we desire to express our satisfaction at the manner in which they have been kept and take pleasure in commending the efficiency and integrity displayed by the late Treasurer. It was resolved, That the proceedings of the Police Jury be published in the Louisiana Democrat and Rapides Gazette. Resolved, That the Jury adjourn until the second Monday in February. A true copy: W. J. CALVIT, J. W. GORDON, President P. J. Clerk P. J.

—Now that the home clouds are breaking, and that long expected daylight is seen glimmering in the Nicholls East, we hope every man of us will stand firm and true, and never for an instant think of breaking ranks. Now is the hour that old Rapides expects every man to do his duty!

—THE Jail birds of our Parish prison are surely better off in the garment and cover line than the most of us poor mortals outside—see the amount of the warrant issued for the same.

—It looks just now like the sun of Nicholls, and that Radicalism's orb has been packed.

—SCRE and certain when most needed—our Telegraph and our New Orleans mail.